

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 15-21 are allowed, claims 9-11 stand rejected, and claims 12-14 are indicated as including allowable subject matter but stand objected to as depending from a rejected base claim. Applicant is amending claims 9, 13, and 14 and canceling claim 12 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant submits that the amendments do not add new matter to the current Application.

The Office Action indicates that claims 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,689,506 ("Chiussi"). The Office Action also indicates that claims 12-14 include allowable subject matter. Applicant is amending claim 9 to include the limitations of originally filed claim 12, and canceling claim 12. Claims 13 and 14 are being amended to depend from claim 9 instead of claim 12. The changes to claims 9, 13, and 14 do not change the scope of originally filed claims 12-14, and therefore, Applicant submits that claims 9, 13, and 14 should be given a full scope of equivalents under the doctrine of equivalents as claims 9, 13, and 14 are not substantively different from claims 12-14, as originally filed.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out allowable subject matter, as this greatly helps to speed up prosecution. Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

Applicant does not believe that any additional fees are due, however if the Commissioner believes additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-2469.

Respectfully submitted,

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